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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Terrorist Attack on the City of New York, Host City of the United Nations**

1. The full impact of the heinous acts of terrorism perpetrated against the host city and host country of the United Nations on 11 September 2001 is only beginning to be felt. It is evident, however, that these wanton attacks have claimed thousands of lives in the city of New York alone. Many of our colleagues have been touched by this tragedy. In addition to the loss of life and physical destruction, these attacks are sure to scar the emotional life of the city and its inhabitants for years to come. Words alone cannot adequately express our sense of grief and sympathy for victims and their families.

2. Local government authorities and relief agencies have already responded generously and quickly. The needs are not yet fully known, however, and many of the city's inhabitants are likely to need assistance for a long time. In an expression of solidarity with the people of the city of New York, the host city for the United Nations, the Staff Committee, with the approval of the Secretary-General, has established the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for the Victims of the Terrorist Attack on the City of New York, Host City of the United Nations, to appeal for funds to alleviate the suffering of the victims and their families. The Relief Committee will disburse the funds after consulting with appropriate officials of the host city.

3. The Staff Union at Headquarters has made an initial contribution of US$ 25,000 to establish the Fund. The President of the Staff-Management Coordination Committee, Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed, has graciously accepted to serve as Co-Chairperson of the Committee. Other members include Rosemarie Waters, Co-Chairperson; Guy Candusso, Coordinator; Christiane Leboeuf, Treasurer; and Emad Hassanin, Member.

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4. Many staff members have already sent donations in support of this cause through other relief organizations. The present appeal is being launched so that other staff members who have inquired about the humanitarian assistance drive can now contribute. Collections will take place starting 14 September 2001 and will continue through 24 October 2001. An account will be established at the United Nations Federal Credit Union, where staff can make direct deposits to Account No. 550380. Wire transfers should include ABA #226078609. Checks should be made payable to United Nations Staff Relief Committee/NYC.